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## PLAN 27 EXPEDITIONS TO GATHER GEOGRAPHIC DATA

The first collection of specimens of various rocks, ores, and minerals have been gathered in Moscow for the proposed Museum of Geography of the Moscow State University. These specimens have been gathered by scientific expeditions of students and graduate students in the Urals, North Caucasus, Transcaucasus, Transbaykal, Far East, and Central Asia. In 1951, 27 expeditions are being readied for the job of collecting materials. Several hundred architects, artists, and cartographists are taking part in the planning of the museum.

The museum is being set up on the top floors of the new building of the Mcscow State University. Many exhibits such as maps, photographs, films, and collections of minerals and other materials depict the natural resources of the country. Special sections are devoted to the history of the development 'of natural and exact sciences -- physics, chemistry, mechanics, mathematics, and astronomy.

An extensive exhibit of the nature and economy of different regions of the USSR is being created in the rooms of the museum. Much importance is being given to the section which depicts the trend toward the transformation of nature in the USSR.

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